Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The sixth meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will take place from 19 to 23 August 2013, at headquarters in New York, Conference Room 1 (CB), in accordance with General Assembly resolution 67/78 of 11 December 2012, paragraph 184.

Invitations

Invitations to the meeting were sent on 29 May 2013 to all States Members of the United Nations and all parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as to entities that have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly pursuant to its relevant resolutions, competent specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations, other competent intergovernmental organizations, and relevant non-governmental organizations.

Working documents

The provisional agenda for the meeting is available from the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (DOALOS), at http://www.un.org/depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm, as document A/AC.276/L.9.

The draft format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work is also available on the website of DOALOS as document A/AC.276/L.10.

Side events

A list of lunch time side events has been posted on the website of DOALOS, at http://www.un.org/depts/los/biodiversityworkinggroup/biodiversityworkinggroup.htm

United Nations Grounds Passes

Intergovernmental organizations. Intergovernmental organizations invited to attend the meeting of the Working Group should communicate the name(s) and contact details of their representative(s) attending the meeting directly to the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service (http://www.un.int/protocol/), with a copy to DOALOS, for issuance of grounds passes, which will allow access to United Nations premises. For convenience, a suggested template for such communication is attached hereto.

In addition, Form SG6 for issuance of grounds passes for temporary meetings must be submitted with the official nomination letter to the Protocol and Liaison Service. The Form can be downloaded from the website of the Protocol and Liaison Service at http://www.un.int/protocol/formspage.htm

Representatives of intergovernmental organizations must pick-up their United Nations grounds passes directly from the United Nations Pass Office at 801 United Nations Plaza (45th Street and First Avenue) prior to attending the Working Group. An official identification document should be presented at the time of pick-up.

Intergovernmental organizations having a Liaison Office in New York should obtain their United Nations grounds pass from their Liaison Office.

Non-governmental organizations. The name(s) and contact details of the representative(s) of non-governmental organizations attending the meeting of the Working Group should be communicated to DOALOS, no later than 5 August 2013, for issuance of grounds passes in order to have access to United Nations premises.

DOALOS will communicate directly to the non-governmental organization representative(s) the venue, date and time for pick-up of their United Nations grounds pass.